Renters Checklist

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	Finances		
		What is the rent per month?	
		What day of the month is rent due?	
		Is a security deposit required?	
		Does the lease say rent can be increased?	
		Does the rent include heat, water, electricity, cable or Internet?	
		Will parking cost extra?	
		Who has to pay for repairs - big ones and small ones?	
		Terminating the agreement - how much notice does each party need to give?	
	Are	Area and Space	
		Can extra belongings such as bikes, luggage be stored?	
		Is the rental space close to services that are used regularly? (groceries, bank)	
		Is the rental space clean?	
		How is refuse/garbage disposal handled?	
		Are there any signs of insects present?	
		Who does the snow shoveling and grass cutting?	
		Are there laundry facilities?	
		Is there Internet service or can it be installed?	
		Where can vehicles be parked?	
		Is the area well lit at night?	
		How quiet or noisy is the rental space?	
		Do the walls seem hollow (when thumped) or solid?	
		Can you hear neighbors upstairs, downstairs, or on either side of you?	
	House rules		
		Are visitors and overnight guests allowed?	
		Are you permitted to share household appliances?	
		Are smoking and/or alcohol allowed?	
		Are pets permitted?	
		Privacy issues?	